

**MAY CALL SPECIAL SESSION
TO PASS CHARTER CHANGES**

**Not Believed Council Will Have
Time to Take Action in
Regular Session.**

TO APPOINT BY DECEMBER 10

**Departmental Heads Must Be Named,
but Mayor Still Is in Dark as to
Salaries and Other Things—Strong
Fight on Purchasing Agent.**

It seems reasonably certain that a special meeting of the Common Council or the Board of Aldermen or possibly both will have to be called to take final action on the recommendations made by the special committee on charter changes. There is a bare possibility that these ordinances can be passed the coming regular sessions of the two legislative branches of the city, but it is not likely.

The Common Council meets Monday night and the next regular session of the Board of Aldermen takes place Tuesday of the following week. That Tuesday falls on December 10. Bearing in mind that December 10 is the last day set by the recently adopted ordinance for the Mayor to make his appointments of departmental heads and transfer the same to the Mayor's list for appointment, it will be seen that time becomes an important element in the passage of the recommended ordinances.

There is another matter which emphasizes the necessity for quick action. Under the old and new charters the Mayor has vested in him the power of veto. Should the ordinances be passed until December 10, after the time set by the Mayor, he would have a perfect right to send them back to the council without his approval. As the ordinance requiring appointments to be made on or before December 10 is intended to give the Mayor opportunity to make the appointments but had action on the recommended ordinances not having been taken, he would be in the dark as to salaries and other matters connected with the departmental heads.

Anticipating that there would be some difficulty in disposing of their recommendations at the regular Common Council meeting Monday night, members of the special committee last Friday night arranged to have a matter of making their report to a special Common Council meeting when other matters would not take up the time of the lower legislative body. It was thought, however, better to make the report to the regular meetings and then, if the council should see fit, consider of it could be postponed until a later date.

SPECIAL MEETING PROBABLY THURSDAY

Out of it all comes the belief that probably setting aside the failure of the recommendations a special Common Council meeting will be called for Thursday. In case the Common Council at that time finally disposes of the subject before it, it is thought likely that the special committee will be given the power to call a special Common Council meeting when other matters would not take up the time of the lower legislative body. It was thought, however, better to make the report to the regular meetings and then, if the council should see fit, consider of it could be postponed until a later date.

There is certain to be no considerable opposition to some of the recommendations. In the first place, they were not acted upon at the general Common Council meeting. The matter of course, concerned Workman was absent and Mr. Adams excused himself about 10 o'clock. This left the subcommittee, of three, in the majority, although the subcommittee is a minority of the whole committee of seven.

It is known that the proposal for a city purchasing agent will not be passed without a determined fight by opponents who have been purchasing their own supplies will be unwilling to give up their immemorial rights. They will find ground for opposition to the proposal in the expense attached to the service. The committee recommends a salary of only \$2,000 a year for this new official, it also recommends that his storekeeper and clerks be paid salaries fixed by him, subject to the approval of the advisory board. As the working of such a plan would be considerable, there would have to be a number of clerks, and it is estimated that the total cost of this office would be between \$3,000 and \$10,000 a year. On the other hand, proponents of the plan believe that the office would more than pay for itself in the saving of great sums to the city.

There is likely to be opposition to the proposal for a public agent in the City Attorney's office, a salary of \$2,500 per year. In some manner a rumor is in circulation that it is proposed to create this office to take care of some business that has been ousted by the charter changes. This, however, is denied. It is pointed out that all corporations having much litigation have a claim department, and that such a department can save the city much money and time wasted on vexatious law cases.

GERARD NOT COMING

Former Ambassador to Germany Not Able to Attend Conference of Peace League.

Inability of James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, to be here tomorrow to address the League to Enforce Peace will not interfere with the conference, although George Bryan, chairman of the Virginia branch, is making efforts to find a suitable substitute for Mr. Gerard.

The first session of the conference will take place on the half of the House of Delegates to-morrow afternoon at 2:30.

Speakers will be William H. short, secretary of National Peace League; former Governor Elberton M. Collier of this city; Delegates and an unengaged man to assemble at 2 o'clock for a discussion of obtaining their badges and credentials. The second and principal session will be held at 3 o'clock in the Assembly Auditorium. The State chairman to be elected Saturday afternoon, will preside.

Governor Davis will deliver the address of welcome. The other speakers will be Mr. Gerard, Mr. Collier and the man to be chosen in place of the former ambassador to Germany. The public is invited to the right session, at which the Boy Scouts will act as ushers and the Kressville orchestra will supply the music. A part of the gallery will be reserved for colored people.

THOMAS SALE KILLED

Richmond Man Succumbs to Wounds Received in Action Overseas. Wife Besides Here.

Mrs. Thomas Sale, 1521 Franklin Avenue, has just received official notice confirming the death of her husband, Sergeant Thomas Sale, on October 26, from wounds received in action.

Sergeant Sale left for overseas with Company L, Three Hundred and Eighteenth Infantry, May 26, having trained at Camp Lee. Besides his wife, former Miss Catherine A. Dorey and little daughter, three months old, he is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Sale, 600 Franklin Avenue, Highland Park, three sisters, Mrs. Arthur K. Warfield, of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. James Warren Savage, Miss Fannie Sale, of Richmond, and two brothers.

HANK SOME IMPROVED

Assistant Attorney-General Remains in Serious Condition at Virginia Hospital.

Assistant Attorney-General J. D. Hodges Jr., who was injured last week while driving an automobile, remains in a serious condition, although he is reported somewhat improved. He is in the Virginia Hospital. He was operated on last Sunday, having suffered a skull fracture and severe internal injuries.

Return From Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huntington have returned from Baltimore, whether they were called by the illness of their son,

John, who was injured last week while driving an automobile, remains in a serious condition, although he is reported somewhat improved. He is in the Virginia Hospital. He was operated on last Sunday, having suffered a skull fracture and severe internal injuries.

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